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From the Private Secretary

Dear Robin,

EFFECTS OF DOMESTIC REVALUATION

The Prime Minister has seen the correspondence about whether the Valuation Office should carry out a sample survey of the effects of a rating revaluation. (This rests with your Secretary of State's letter of 15 September to the Chancellor.)

The Prime Minister understands and entirely shares your Secretary of State's concern to do everything possible to illustrate the advantages of the community charge and she welcomes the efforts which are being made by Environment Ministers to put across the case. However she believes that the Government would be vulnerable to criticism if it set up a sample survey along the lines proposed. She would prefer if possible to use the results of the last two revaluations, the Scottish revaluation and the results of the survey carried out in 1982 (mentioned in your Secretary of State's letter of 31 July to the Chancellor) to construct illustrative figures. Figures produced in this way might have greater overall validity than those based on a limited survey.

I am copying this letter to Alex Allan (HM Treasury).

Yours,
David.

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